ANNEX I

SUMMARY OF PRODUCT CHARACTERISTICS

1. NAME OF THE MEDICINAL PRODUCT

ARICLAIM 40 mg hard gastro-resistant capsules.

2. QUALITATIVE AND QUANTITATIVE COMPOSITION

The active ingredient in ARICLAIM is duloxetine.

Each capsule contains 40 mg of duloxetine as duloxetine hydrochloride.

For excipients, see 6.1.

3. PHARMACEUTICAL FORM

Hard gastro-resistant capsule.

The capsule has an opaque orange body, imprinted with ’40mg’ and an opaque blue cap, imprinted with ‘9545’.

4. CLINICAL PARTICULARS

4.1 Therapeutic indications

ARICLAIM is indicated for women for the treatment of moderate to severe Stress Urinary Incontinence (SUI), (see section 5.1).

4.2 Posology and method of administration

The recommended dose of ARICLAIM is 40 mg twice daily without regard to meals. After 2-4 weeks of treatment, patients should be re-assessed in order to evaluate the benefit and tolerability of the therapy. Some patients may benefit from starting treatment at a dose of 20 mg twice daily for two weeks before increasing to the recommended dose of 40 mg twice daily. Dose escalation may decrease, though not eliminate, the risk of nausea and dizziness.
However, limited data are available to support the efficacy of ARICLAIM 20 mg twice daily.
A 20 mg capsule is also available.

The efficacy of ARICLAIM has not been evaluated for longer than 3 months in placebo-controlled studies. The benefit of treatment should be re-assessed at regular intervals.

Combining ARICLAIM with a pelvic floor muscle training (PFMT) program may be more effective than either treatment alone. It is recommended that consideration be given to concomitant PFMT.

Hepatic insufficiency:
ARICLAIM should not be used in women with liver disease resulting in hepatic impairment (see section 4.3).

Renal insufficiency:
No dosage adjustment is necessary for patients with mild or moderate renal dysfunction (creatinine clearance 30 to 80 ml/min).

Elderly:
Caution should be exercised when treating the elderly.

Children and adolescents:
The safety and efficacy of duloxetine in patients in these age groups have not been studied. Therefore, administration of ARICLAIM to children and adolescents is not recommended.

Discontinuation of treatment:
When discontinuing ARICLAIM after more than 1 week of therapy, it is generally recommended that the dose be tapered (from 40 mg twice daily to either 40 mg once daily or 20 mg twice daily) for 2 weeks before discontinuation in an effort to decrease the risk of possible discontinuation symptoms (see section 4.4).

4.3 Contraindications

Hypersensitivity to the active substance or to any of the excipients.

Liver disease resulting in hepatic impairment (see section 5.2).

Pregnancy and lactation (see section 4.6).

ARICLAIM should not be used in combination with nonselective, irreversible Monoamine Oxidase Inhibitors - MAOIs (see section 4.5).

ARICLAIM should not be used in combination with CYP1A2 inhibitors, like fluvoxamine, ciprofloxacin or enoxacine since the combination results in elevated plasma concentrations of duloxetine (see section 4.5).

4.4 Special warnings and special precautions for use

Mania and Seizures
ARICLAIM should be used with caution in patients with a history of mania or a diagnosis of bipolar disorder, and/or seizures.

Use with antidepressants
Caution should be exercised when using ARICLAIM in combination with antidepressants. In particular the combination with selective reversible MAOIs is not recommended.

Mydriasis
Mydriasis has been reported in association with duloxetine, therefore, caution should be used when prescribing duloxetine in patients with increased intraocular pressure, or those at risk of acute narrow-angle glaucoma.

Renal impairment
Increased plasma concentrations of duloxetine occur in patients with severe renal impairment on haemodialysis (creatinine clearance <30 ml/min). Patients with severe renal impairment are unlikely to be affected by SUI. See section 4.2 for information on patients with mild or moderate renal dysfunction.

Sucrose
ARICLAIM hard gastro-resistant capsules contain sucrose. Patients with rare hereditary problems of fructose intolerance, glucose-galactose malabsorption or sucrose-isomaltase insufficiency should not take this medicine.

Haemorrhage
There have been reports of cutaneous bleeding abnormalities, such as ecchymoses and purpura with Selective Serotonin Reuptake Inhibitors (SSRIs). Caution is advised in patients taking, anticoagulants and/or medicinal products known to affect platelet function, and in patients with known bleeding tendencies.

Discontinuation of treatment
Some patients may experience symptoms on discontinuation of ARICLAIM, particularly if treatment is stopped abruptly (see section 4.2).

Hyponatremia
Hyponatremia has been reported rarely, predominantely in the elderly, when administering ARICLAIM and other drugs of the same pharmacodynamic class.

Suicidal ideation and behaviour
Although ARICLAIM is not indicated for the treatment of depression, its active ingredient (duloxetine) also exists as an antidepressant medication. As with other drugs with similar pharmacological action (antidepressants), isolated cases of suicidal ideation and suicidal behaviours have been reported during duloxetine therapy or early after treatment discontinuation. Physicians should encourage patients to report any distressing thoughts or feelings at any time.

Use in Children and adolescents under 18 years of age
No clinical trials have been conducted with duloxetine in paediatric populations. ARICLAIM should not be used in the treatment of children and adolescents under the age of 18 years. Suicide-related behaviours (suicide attempts and suicidal thoughts), and hostility (predominantly aggression, oppositional behaviour and anger), were more frequently observed in clinical trials among children and adolescents treated with antidepressants compared to those treated with placebo. Long-term safety data in children and adolescents concerning growth, maturation and cognitive and behavioural development are lacking.

Medicinal products containing duloxetine
Duloxetine is used under different trademarks in several indications (treatment of diabetic neuropathic pain, major depressive episodes as well as stress urinary incontinence). The use of more than one of these products concomitantly should be avoided.

4.5 Interaction with other medicinal products and other forms of interaction

Monoamine oxidase inhibitors (MAOIs): due to the risk of serotonin syndrome, ARICLAIM should not be used in combination with nonselective, irreversible monoamine oxidase inhibitors (MAOIs), or within at least 14 days of discontinuing treatment with an MAOI. Based on the half-life of duloxetine, at least 5 days should be allowed after stopping ARICLAIM before starting an MAOI (see section 4.3).

Serotonin syndrome: in rare cases, serotonin syndrome has been reported in patients using SSRIs concomitantly with serotonergic medicinal products. Caution is advisable if ARICLAIM is used concomitantly with serotonergic antidepressants like SSRIs, tricyclics like clomipramine or amitriptyline, venlafaxine, or triptans, tramadol and tryptophan.

CNS drugs: caution is advised when ARICLAIM is taken in combination with other centrally acting drugs or substances, including alcohol and sedative drugs (benzodiazepines, morphinomimetics, antipsychotics, phenobarbital, sedative antihistamines).

Effects of duloxetine on other drugs
Drugs metabolised by CYP1A2: in a clinical study, the pharmacokinetics of theophylline, a CYP1A2 substrate, were not significantly affected by co-administration with duloxetine (60 mg twice daily). The study was performed in males and it can not be excluded that females having a lower CYP1A2 activity and higher plasma concentrations of duloxetine may experience an interaction with a CYP1A2 substrate.

Drugs metabolised by CYP2D6: the co-administration of duloxetine (40 mg twice daily) increases steady state AUC of tolterodine (2 mg twice daily) by 71% but does not affect the pharmacokinetics of its active 5-hydroxy metabolite, and no dosage adjustment is recommended. Caution is advised if

duloxetine is co-administered with medicinal products that are predominantly metabolised by CYP2D6 if they have a narrow therapeutic index.

Oral contraceptives and other steroidal agents: results of *in vitro* studies demonstrate that duloxetine does not induce the catalytic activity of CYP3A. Specific *in vivo* drug interaction studies have not been performed.

Effects of other drugs on duloxetine
Antacids and H2 antagonists: co-administration of ARICLAIM with aluminium- and magnesium-containing antacids or with famotidine had no significant effect on the rate or extent of duloxetine absorption after administration of a 40 mg oral dose.

Inhibitors of CYP1A2: because CYP1A2 is involved in duloxetine metabolism, concomitant use of ARICLAIM with potent inhibitors of CYP1A2 is likely to result in higher concentrations of duloxetine. Fluvoxamine (100 mg once daily), a potent inhibitor of CYP1A2, decreased the apparent plasma clearance of duloxetine by about 77% and increased AUC_{0-t} 6-fold. Therefore ARICLAIM should not be administered in combination with potent inhibitors of CYP1A2 like fluvoxamine (see section 4.3).

4.6 Pregnancy and lactation

Pregnancy
There are no data on the use of duloxetine in pregnant women. Studies in animals have shown reproductive toxicity at systemic exposure levels (AUC) of duloxetine lower than the maximum clinical exposure (see section 5.3). The potential risk for humans is unknown. Withdrawal symptoms may occur in the neonate after maternal duloxetine use near term. ARICLAIM is contraindicated during pregnancy (see section 4.3).

Breast feeding
Duloxetine and/or its metabolites are excreted into the milk of lactating rats. Adverse behavioural effects were seen in offspring in a peri-post natal toxicity study in rats (see 5.3). Excretion of duloxetine and/or metabolites into human milk has not been studied. ARICLAIM is contraindicated while breast-feeding (see section 4.3).

4.7 Effects on ability to drive and use machines

Although in controlled studies duloxetine has not been shown to impair psychomotor performance, cognitive function, or memory, it may be associated with sedation. Therefore, patients should be cautioned about their ability to drive a car or operate hazardous machinery.

4.8 Undesirable effects

The safety of ARICLAIM has been evaluated in four 12-week, placebo-controlled clinical trials in patients with SUI, including 958 duloxetine-treated and 955 placebo-treated patients. This represents 190 patient-years of exposure at 40 mg twice daily.

The most commonly reported adverse events in patients treated with ARICLAIM were nausea, dry mouth, fatigue, insomnia, and constipation. Adverse events that occurred significantly more often in patients taking duloxetine than placebo and with a frequency of ≥2% or were of potential clinical relevance, are displayed in Tables 1, 2, and 3.

The data analysis showed that the onset of the reported adverse events typically occurred in the first week of therapy. However, the majority of the most frequent adverse events were mild to moderate and resolved within 30 days of occurrence (e.g. nausea).

Frequency estimate: Very common (≥10%), common (≥1% and <10%), and uncommon (≥0.1% and <1%).

Table 1 **Very Common Undesirable Effects (≥ 10%)**			
SYSTEM ORGAN CLASS	**Adverse Event**	**ARICLAIM N=958 (%)**	**Placebo N=955 (%)**
Psychiatric Disorders	Insomnia	12.6	1.9
Gastrointestinal Disorders	Nausea Dry mouth Constipation,	23.2 13.4 11.0	3.7 1.5 2.3
General Disorders and Administration Site Conditions	Fatigue	12.7	3.8
Table 2 **Common Undesirable Effects (≥ 1%, <10%)**			
SYSTEM ORGAN CLASS	**Adverse Event**	**ARICLAIM N=958 (%)**	**Placebo N=955 (%)**
Metabolism and Nutrition Disorders	Anorexia Appetite decreased Thirst	3.9 2.3 1.0	0.2 0.2 0.1
Psychiatric Disorders	Sleep disorder Anxiety Libido decreased Anorgasmia	2.2 1.9 1.5 1.4	0.8 0.7 0.3 0.0
Nervous System Disorders	Headache Dizziness (except vertigo) Somnolence Tremor Blurred vision Nervousness	9.7 9.5 6.8 2.7 1.3 1.1	6.6 2.6 0.1 0.0 0.1 0
Gastrointestinal Disorders	Diarrhoea Vomiting Dyspepsia	5.1 4.8 3.0	2.7 1.6 1.3
Skin and Subcutaneous Tissue Disorders	Sweating increased	4.5	0.8
General Disorders and Administration Site Conditions	Lethargy Pruritus Weakness	2.6 1.4 1.3	0.3 0.3 0.3
Table 3 **Uncommon Undesirable Effects (≥ 0.1%, <1%)**			
SYSTEM ORGAN CLASS	**Adverse Event**	**ARICLAIM N=958 (%)**	**Placebo N=955 (%)**
Psychiatric Disorders	Loss of libido	0.6	0.0

Dizziness (≥5%) was also reported as a common adverse event upon duloxetine discontinuation.

Duloxetine treatment, for up to 12 weeks in placebo-controlled clinical trials, was associated with small mean increases from baseline to endpoint in ALT, AST and creatinine phosphokinase - CPK (2.1 U/L, 1.3 U/L, and 5.8 U/L respectively); infrequent, transient, abnormal values were observed more often for these analytes in duloxetine-treated patients, compared with placebo-treated patients.

Electrocardiograms were obtained from 755 duloxetine-treated patients with SUI and 779 placebo-treated patients in 12-week clinical trials. The heart rate-corrected QT interval in duloxetine-treated patients did not differ from that seen in placebo-treated patients.

In clinical trials of duloxetine in patients with diabetic neuropathic pain, small but statistically significant increases in fasting blood glucose were observed in duloxetine-treated patients compared to placebo at 12 weeks and routine care at 52 weeks. The increase was similar at both time points and was not considered clinically relevant. Relative to placebo or routine care, mean HbA1c values were stable, there was no mean weight gain, mean lipid concentrations (cholesterol, LDL, HDL, triglycerides) were stable, and there were no differences in incidence of serious and non-serious diabetes-related adverse reactions.

4.9 Overdose

There is limited clinical experience with duloxetine overdose in humans. In pre-marketing clinical trials, no cases of fatal overdose of duloxetine have been reported. Four non-fatal acute ingestions of duloxetine (300 to 1400 mg), alone or in combination with other medicinal products have been reported.

No specific antidote for duloxetine is known. A free airway should be established. Monitoring of cardiac and vital signs is recommended, along with appropriate symptomatic and supportive measures. Gastric lavage may be indicated if performed soon after ingestion or in symptomatic patients. Activated charcoal may be useful in limiting absorption. Duloxetine has a large volume of distribution and forced diuresis, haemoperfusion, and exchange perfusion are unlikely to be beneficial.

5. PHARMACOLOGICAL PROPERTIES

5.1 Pharmacodynamic properties

Pharmacotherapeutic group: Other antidepressants. ATC code: N06AX21

Duloxetine is a combined serotonin (5-HT) and norepinephrine (NE) reuptake inhibitor. It weakly inhibits dopamine reuptake with no significant affinity for histaminergic, dopaminergic, cholinergic and adrenergic receptors.

In animal studies, increased levels of 5-HT and NE in the sacral spinal cord, lead to increased urethral tone via enhanced pudendal nerve stimulation to the urethral striated sphincter muscle only during the storage phase of the micturition cycle. A similar mechanism in women is believed to result in stronger urethral closure during urine storage with physical stress that could explain the efficacy of duloxetine in the treatment of women with SUI.

The efficacy of duloxetine 40 mg given twice daily in the treatment of SUI was established in four double-blind, placebo-controlled studies, that randomised 1913 women (22 to 83 years) with SUI; of these, 958 patients were randomised to duloxetine and 955 to placebo. The primary efficacy measures were Incontinence Episode Frequency (IEF) from diaries and an incontinence specific quality of life questionnaire score (I-QOL).

Incontinence Episode Frequency: in all four studies the duloxetine-treated group had a 50% or greater median decrease in IEF compared with 33% in the placebo-treated group. Differences were observed at each visit after 4 weeks (duloxetine 54%, and placebo 22%), 8 weeks (52% and 29%), and 12 weeks (52% and 33%) of medication.

In an additional study limited to patients with severe SUI, all responses with duloxetine were achieved within 2 weeks.

The efficacy of ARICLAIM has not been evaluated for longer than 3 months in placebo-controlled studies. The clinical benefit of ARICLAIM compared with placebo has not been demonstrated in women with mild SUI, defined in randomised trials as those with IEF < 14 per week. In these women, ARICLAIM may provide no benefit beyond that afforded by more conservative behavioural interventions.

Quality of Life: Incontinence Quality of Life (I-QOL) questionnaire scores were significantly improved in the duloxetine-treated patient group compared with the placebo-treated group (9.2 versus 5.9 score improvement, p<.001). Using a global improvement scale (PGI), significantly more women using duloxetine considered their symptoms of stress incontinence to be improved with treatment compared with women using placebo (64.6% versus 50.1%, p<.001).

ARICLAIM and Prior Continence Surgery: there are limited data that suggest that the benefits of ARICLAIM are not diminished in women with stress urinary incontinence who have previously undergone continence surgery.

ARICLAIM and Pelvic Floor Muscle Training (PFMT): during a 12-week blinded, randomised, controlled study, ARICLAIM demonstrated greater reductions in IEF compared with either placebo treatment or with PFMT alone. Combined therapy (duloxetine + PFMT) showed greater improvement in both pad use and condition-specific quality of life measures than ARICLAIM alone or PFMT alone.

5.2 Pharmacokinetic properties

Duloxetine is administered as a single enantiomer. Duloxetine is extensively metabolised by oxidative enzymes (CYP1A2 and the polymorphic CYP2D6), followed by conjugation. The pharmacokinetics of duloxetine demonstrate large intersubject variability (generally 50-60%), partly due to gender, age, smoking status and CYP2D6 metaboliser status.

Duloxetine is well absorbed after oral administration with a C_{max} occurring 6 hours post dose. The absolute oral bioavailability of duloxetine ranged from 32% to 80% (mean of 50%; N=8 subjects). Food delays the time to reach the peak concentration from 6 to 10 hours and it marginally decreases the extent of absorption (approximately 11%).

Duloxetine is approximately 96% bound to human plasma proteins. Duloxetine binds to both albumin and alpha-1 acid glycoprotein. Protein binding is not affected by renal or hepatic impairment.

Duloxetine is extensively metabolised and the metabolites are excreted principally in urine. Both CYP2D6 and CYP1A2 catalyse the formation of the two major metabolites glucuronide conjugate of 4-hydroxy duloxetine and sulphate conjugate of 5-hydroxy,6-methoxy duloxetine. Based upon *in vitro* studies, the circulating metabolites of duloxetine are considered pharmacologically inactive. The pharmacokinetics of duloxetine in patients who are poor metabolisers with respect to CYP2D6 has not been specifically investigated. Limited data suggest that the plasma levels of duloxetine are higher in these patients.

The elimination half-life of duloxetine after an oral dose ranges from 8 to 17 hours (mean of 12 hours). After an intravenous dose the plasma clearance of duloxetine ranges from 22 l/hr to 46 l/hr (mean of 36 l/hr) After an oral dose the apparent plasma clearance of duloxetine ranges from 33 to 261 l/hr (mean 101 l/hr).

Special populations:
Age: pharmacokinetic differences have been identified between younger and elderly females (≥65 years) (AUC increases by about 25% and half-life is about 25% longer in the elderly), although the magnitude of these changes is not sufficient to justify adjustments to the dose.

Renal impairment: end stage renal disease (ESRD) patients receiving dialysis had a 2-fold higher duloxetine C_{max} and AUC values compared to healthy subjects. Pharmacokinetic data on duloxetine is limited in patients with mild or moderate renal impairment.

Hepatic insufficiency: moderate liver disease (Child Pugh Class B) affected the pharmacokinetics of duloxetine. Compared with healthy subjects, the apparent plasma clearance of duloxetine was 79% lower, the apparent terminal half-life was 2.3 times longer, and the AUC was 3.7 times higher in patients with moderate liver disease. The pharmacokinetics of duloxetine and its metabolites have not been studied in patients with mild or severe hepatic insufficiency.

5.3 Preclinical safety data

Duloxetine was not genotoxic in a standard battery of tests and was not carcinogenic in rats. Multinucleated cells were seen in the liver in the absence of other histopathological changes in the rat carcinogenicity study. The underlying mechanism and the clinical relevance are unknown.

Female mice receiving duloxetine for 2 years had an increased incidence of hepatocellular adenomas and carcinomas at the high dose only (144 mg/kg/day), but these were considered to be secondary to hepatic microsomal enzyme induction. The relevance of this mouse data to humans is unknown. Female rats receiving duloxetine before and during mating and early pregnancy had a decrease in maternal food consumption and body weight, oestrous cycle disruption, decreased live birth indices and progeny survival, and progeny growth retardation at systemic exposure levels estimated to be at the most at maximum clinical exposure (AUC). In an embryotoxicity study in the rabbit, a higher incidence of cardiovascular and skeletal malformations was observed at systemic exposure levels below the maximun clinical exposure (AUC). No malformations were observed in another study testing a higher dose of a different salt of duloxetine. In pre/postnatal toxicity study in the rat, duloxetine induced adverse behavioural effects in the offspring at systemic exposures levels below maximum clinical exposure (AUC).

6. PHARMACEUTICAL PARTICULARS

6.1 List of excipients

Capsule content:
Hypromellose.
Hydroxypropyl methylcellulose acetate succinate
Sucrose
Sugar spheres
Talc
Titanium dioxide (E171)
Triethyl citrate.

Capsule Shell:
Gelatin, Sodium Lauryl Sulfate, Titanium Dioxide (E171), Indigo Carmine (E132) Red Iron oxide (E172), Yellow Iron Oxide (E172), Edible black ink.

Edible Ink: Black Iron Oxide-Synthetic (E172), Propylene glycol, Shellac.

Capsule Shell Cap colour:
Opaque Blue

Capsule Shell Body colour:
Opaque Orange

6.2 Incompatibilities

Not applicable.

6.3 Shelf life

3 years.

6.4 Special precautions for storage

Store in the original package. Do not store above 30°C.

6.5 Nature and contents of container

Polyvinylchloride (PVC), Polyethylene (PE), and Polychlorotrifluoroethylene (PCTFE) blister sealed with an aluminum foil.

Packs of 28, 56, 98, 140 and 196 (2x98) capsules.

Not all pack sizes may be marketed.

6.6 Instructions for use and handling

No special requirements.

7. MARKETING AUTHORISATION HOLDER

Boehringer Ingelheim International GmbH, Binger Str. 173 D-55216 Ingelheim am Rhein, Germany.

8. MARKETING AUTHORISATION NUMBER(S)

EU/1/04/283/002
EU/1/04/283/003
EU/1/04/283/004
EU/1/04/283/005
EU/1/04/283/006

9. DATE OF FIRST AUTHORISATION/RENEWAL OF THE AUTHORISATION

11 August 2004

10. DATE OF REVISION OF THE TEXT

1. NAME OF THE MEDICINAL PRODUCT

ARICLAIM 20 mg hard gastro-resistant capsules.

2. QUALITATIVE AND QUANTITATIVE COMPOSITION

The active ingredient in ARICLAIM is duloxetine.

Each capsule contains 20 mg of duloxetine as duloxetine hydrochloride.

For excipients, see 6.1.

3. PHARMACEUTICAL FORM

Hard gastro-resistant capsule.

The capsule has an opaque blue body, imprinted with '20 mg' and an opaque blue cap, imprinted with '9544'.

4. CLINICAL PARTICULARS

4.1 Therapeutic indications

ARICLAIM is indicated for women for the treatment of moderate to severe Stress Urinary Incontinence (SUI), (see section 5.1).

4.2 Posology and method of administration

The recommended dose of ARICLAIM is 40 mg twice daily without regard to meals. After 2-4 weeks of treatment, patients should be re-assessed in order to evaluate the benefit and tolerability of the therapy. Some patients may benefit from starting treatment at a dose of 20 mg twice daily for two weeks before increasing to the recommended dose of 40 mg twice daily. Dose escalation may decrease, though not eliminate, the risk of nausea and dizziness.
However, limited data are available to support the efficacy of ARICLAIM 20 mg twice daily.

The efficacy of ARICLAIM has not been evaluated for longer than 3 months in placebo-controlled studies. The benefit of treatment should be re-assessed at regular intervals.

Combining ARICLAIM with a pelvic floor muscle training (PFMT) program may be more effective than either treatment alone. It is recommended that consideration be given to concomitant PFMT.

Hepatic insufficiency:
ARICLAIM should not be used in women with liver disease resulting in hepatic impairment (see section 4.3).

Renal insufficiency:
No dosage adjustment is necessary for patients with mild or moderate renal dysfunction (creatinine clearance 30 to 80 ml/min).

Elderly:
Caution should be exercised when treating the elderly.

Children and adolescents:
The safety and efficacy of duloxetine in patients in these age groups have not been studied. Therefore, administration of ARICLAIM to children and adolescents is not recommended.

Discontinuation of treatment:
When discontinuing ARICLAIM after more than 1 week of therapy, it is generally recommended that the dose be tapered (from 40 mg twice daily to either 40 mg once daily or 20 mg twice daily) for 2 weeks before discontinuation in an effort to decrease the risk of possible discontinuation symptoms (see section 4.4).

4.3 Contraindications

Hypersensitivity to the active substance or to any of the excipients.

Liver disease resulting in hepatic impairment (see section 5.2).

Pregnancy and lactation (see section 4.6).

ARICLAIM should not be used in combination with nonselective, irreversible Monoamine Oxidase Inhibitors - MAOIs (see section 4.5).

ARICLAIM should not be used in combination with CYP1A2 inhibitors, like fluvoxamine, ciprofloxacin or enoxacine since the combination results in elevated plasma concentrations of duloxetine (see section 4.5).

4.4 Special warnings and special precautions for use

Mania and Seizures
ARICLAIM should be used with caution in patients with a history of mania or a diagnosis of bipolar disorder, and/or seizures.

Use with antidepressants
Caution should be exercised when using ARICLAIM in combination with antidepressants. In particular the combination with selective reversible MAOIs is not recommended.

Mydriasis
Mydriasis has been reported in association with duloxetine, therefore, caution should be used when prescribing duloxetine in patients with increased intraocular pressure, or those at risk of acute narrow-angle glaucoma.

Renal impairment
Increased plasma concentrations of duloxetine occur in patients with severe renal impairment on haemodialysis (creatinine clearance <30 ml/min). Patients with severe renal impairment are unlikely to be affected by SUI. See section 4.2 for information on patients with mild or moderate renal dysfunction.

Sucrose
ARICLAIM hard gastro-resistant capsules contain sucrose. Patients with rare hereditary problems of fructose intolerance, glucose-galactose malabsorption or sucrose-isomaltase insufficiency should not take this medicine.

Haemorrhage
There have been reports of cutaneous bleeding abnormalities, such as ecchymoses and purpura with Selective Serotonin Reuptake Inhibitors (SSRIs). Caution is advised in patients taking, anticoagulants and/or medicinal products known to affect platelet function, and in patients with known bleeding tendencies.

Discontinuation of treatment
Some patients may experience symptoms on discontinuation of ARICLAIM, particularly if treatment is stopped abruptly (see section 4.2).

Hyponatremia
Hyponatremia has been reported rarely, predominantely in the elderly, when administering ARICLAIM and other drugs of the same pharmacodynamic class.

Suicidal ideation and behaviour
Although ARICLAIM is not indicated for the treatment of depression, its active ingredient (duloxetine) also exists as an antidepressant medication. As with other drugs with similar pharmacological action (antidepressants), isolated cases of suicidal ideation and suicidal behaviours have been reported during duloxetine therapy or early after treatment discontinuation. Physicians should encourage patients to report any distressing thoughts or feelings at any time.

Use in Children and adolescents under 18 years of age
No clinical trials have been conducted with duloxetine in paediatric populations. ARICLAIM should not be used in the treatment of children and adolescents under the age of 18 years. Suicide-related behaviours (suicide attempts and suicidal thoughts), and hostility (predominantly aggression, oppositional behaviour and anger), were more frequently observed in clinical trials among children and adolescents treated with antidepressants compared to those treated with placebo. Long-term safety data in children and adolescents concerning growth, maturation and cognitive and behavioural development are lacking.

Medicinal products containing duloxetine
Duloxetine is used under different trademarks in several indications (treatment of diabetic neuropathic pain, major depressive episodes as well as stress urinary incontinence). The use of more than one of these products concomitantly should be avoided.

4.5 Interaction with other medicinal products and other forms of interaction

Monoamine oxidase inhibitors (MAOIs): due to the risk of serotonin syndrome, ARICLAIM should not be used in combination with nonselective, irreversible monoamine oxidase inhibitors (MAOIs), or within at least 14 days of discontinuing treatment with an MAOI. Based on the half-life of duloxetine, at least 5 days should be allowed after stopping ARICLAIM before starting an MAOI (see section 4.3).

Serotonin syndrome: in rare cases, serotonin syndrome has been reported in patients using SSRIs concomitantly with serotonergic medicinal products. Caution is advisable if ARICLAIM is used concomitantly with serotonergic antidepressants like SSRIs, tricyclics like clomipramine or amitriptyline, venlafaxine, or triptans, tramadol and tryptophan.

CNS drugs: caution is advised when ARICLAIM is taken in combination with other centrally acting drugs or substances, including alcohol and sedative drugs (benzodiazepines, morphinomimetics, antipsychotics, phenobarbital, sedative antihistamines).

Effects of duloxetine on other drugs
Drugs metabolised by CYP1A2: in a clinical study, the pharmacokinetics of theophylline, a CYP1A2 substrate, were not significantly affected by co-administration with duloxetine (60 mg twice daily). The study was performed in males and it can not be excluded that females having a lower CYP1A2 activity and higher plasma concentrations of duloxetine may experience an interaction with a CYP1A2 substrate.

Drugs metabolised by CYP2D6: the co-administration of duloxetine (40 mg twice daily) increases steady state AUC of tolterodine (2 mg twice daily) by 71% but does not affect the pharmacokinetics of its active 5-hydroxy metabolite, and no dosage adjustment is recommended. Caution is advised if

duloxetine is co-administered with medicinal products that are predominantly metabolised by CYP2D6 if they have a narrow therapeutic index.

Oral contraceptives and other steroidal agents: results of *in vitro* studies demonstrate that duloxetine does not induce the catalytic activity of CYP3A. Specific *in vivo* drug interaction studies have not been performed.

Effects of other drugs on duloxetine
Antacids and H2 antagonists: co-administration of ARICLAIM with aluminium- and magnesium-containing antacids or with famotidine had no significant effect on the rate or extent of duloxetine absorption after administration of a 40 mg oral dose.

Inhibitors of CYP1A2: because CYP1A2 is involved in duloxetine metabolism, concomitant use of ARICLAIM with potent inhibitors of CYP1A2 is likely to result in higher concentrations of duloxetine. Fluvoxamine (100 mg once daily), a potent inhibitor of CYP1A2, decreased the apparent plasma clearance of duloxetine by about 77% and increased AUC_{0-t} 6-fold. Therefore ARICLAIM should not be administered in combination with potent inhibitors of CYP1A2 like fluvoxamine (see section 4.3).

4.6 Pregnancy and lactation

Pregnancy
There are no data on the use of duloxetine in pregnant women. Studies in animals have shown reproductive toxicity at systemic exposure levels (AUC) of duloxetine lower than the maximum clinical exposure (see section 5.3). The potential risk for humans is unknown. Withdrawal symptoms may occur in the neonate after maternal duloxetine use near term. ARICLAIM is contraindicated during pregnancy (see section 4.3).

Breast feeding
Duloxetine and/or its metabolites are excreted into the milk of lactating rats. Adverse behavioural effects were seen in offspring in a peri-post natal toxicity study in rats (see 5.3). Excretion of duloxetine and/or metabolites into human milk has not been studied. ARICLAIM is contraindicated while breast-feeding (see section 4.3).

4.7 Effects on ability to drive and use machines

Although in controlled studies duloxetine has not been shown to impair psychomotor performance, cognitive function, or memory, it may be associated with sedation. Therefore, patients should be cautioned about their ability to drive a car or operate hazardous machinery.

4.8 Undesirable effects

The safety of ARICLAIM has been evaluated in four 12-week, placebo-controlled clinical trials in patients with SUI, including 958 duloxetine-treated and 955 placebo-treated patients. This represents 190 patient-years of exposure at 40 mg twice daily.

The most commonly reported adverse events in patients treated with ARICLAIM were nausea, dry mouth, fatigue, insomnia, and constipation. Adverse events that occurred significantly more often in patients taking duloxetine than placebo and with a frequency of ≥2% or were of potential clinical relevance, are displayed in Tables 1, 2, and 3.

The data analysis showed that the onset of the reported adverse events typically occurred in the first week of therapy. However, the majority of the most frequent adverse events were mild to moderate and resolved within 30 days of occurrence (e.g. nausea).

Frequency estimate: Very common (≥10%), common (≥1% and <10%), and uncommon (≥0.1% and <1%).

Table 1 **Very Common Undesirable Effects (≥ 10%)**			
SYSTEM ORGAN CLASS	**Adverse Event**	**ARICLAIM N=958 (%)**	**Placebo N=955 (%)**
Psychiatric Disorders	Insomnia	12.6	1.9
Gastrointestinal Disorders	Nausea Dry mouth Constipation,	23.2 13.4 11.0	3.7 1.5 2.3
General Disorders and Administration Site Conditions	Fatigue	12.7	3.8
Table 2 **Common Undesirable Effects (≥ 1%, <10%)**			
SYSTEM ORGAN CLASS	**Adverse Event**	**ARICLAIM N=958 (%)**	**Placebo N=955 (%)**
Metabolism and Nutrition Disorders	Anorexia Appetite decreased Thirst	3.9 2.3 1.0	0.2 0.2 0.1
Psychiatric Disorders	Sleep disorder Anxiety Libido decreased Anorgasmia	2.2 1.9 1.5 1.4	0.8 0.7 0.3 0.0
Nervous System Disorders	Headache Dizziness (except vertigo) Somnolence Tremor Blurred vision Nervousness	9.7 9.5 6.8 2.7 1.3 1.1	6.6 2.6 0.1 0.0 0.1 0
Gastrointestinal Disorders	Diarrhoea Vomiting Dyspepsia	5.1 4.8 3.0	2.7 1.6 1.3
Skin and Subcutaneous Tissue Disorders	Sweating increased	4.5	0.8
General Disorders and Administration Site Conditions	Lethargy Pruritus Weakness	2.6 1.4 1.3	0.3 0.3 0.3
Table 3 **Uncommon Undesirable Effects (≥ 0.1%, <1%)**			
SYSTEM ORGAN CLASS	**Adverse Event**	**ARICLAIM N=958 (%)**	**Placebo N=955 (%)**
Psychiatric Disorders	Loss of libido	0.6	0.0

Dizziness (≥5%) was also reported as a common adverse event upon duloxetine discontinuation.

Duloxetine treatment, for up to 12 weeks in placebo-controlled clinical trials, was associated with small mean increases from baseline to endpoint in ALT, AST and creatinine phosphokinase - CPK (2.1 U/L, 1.3 U/L, and 5.8 U/L respectively); infrequent, transient, abnormal values were observed more often for these analytes in duloxetine-treated patients, compared with placebo-treated patients.

Electrocardiograms were obtained from 755 duloxetine-treated patients with SUI and 779 placebo-treated patients in 12-week clinical trials. The heart rate-corrected QT interval in duloxetine-treated patients did not differ from that seen in placebo-treated patients.

In clinical trials of duloxetine in patients with diabetic neuropathic pain, small but statistically significant increases in fasting blood glucose were observed in duloxetine-treated patients compared to placebo at 12 weeks and routine care at 52 weeks. The increase was similar at both time points and was not considered clinically relevant. Relative to placebo or routine care, mean HbA1c values were stable, there was no mean weight gain, mean lipid concentrations (cholesterol, LDL, HDL, triglycerides) were stable, and there were no differences in incidence of serious and non-serious diabetes-related adverse reactions.

4.9 Overdose

There is limited clinical experience with duloxetine overdose in humans. In pre-marketing clinical trials, no cases of fatal overdose of duloxetine have been reported. Four non-fatal acute ingestions of duloxetine (300 to 1400 mg), alone or in combination with other medicinal products have been reported.

No specific antidote for duloxetine is known. A free airway should be established. Monitoring of cardiac and vital signs is recommended, along with appropriate symptomatic and supportive measures. Gastric lavage may be indicated if performed soon after ingestion or in symptomatic patients. Activated charcoal may be useful in limiting absorption. Duloxetine has a large volume of distribution and forced diuresis, haemoperfusion, and exchange perfusion are unlikely to be beneficial.

5. PHARMACOLOGICAL PROPERTIES

5.1 Pharmacodynamic properties

Pharmacotherapeutic group: Other antidepressants. ATC code: N06AX21

Duloxetine is a combined serotonin (5-HT) and norepinephrine (NE) reuptake inhibitor. It weakly inhibits dopamine reuptake with no significant affinity for histaminergic, dopaminergic, cholinergic and adrenergic receptors.

In animal studies, increased levels of 5-HT and NE in the sacral spinal cord, lead to increased urethral tone via enhanced pudendal nerve stimulation to the urethral striated sphincter muscle only during the storage phase of the micturition cycle. A similar mechanism in women is believed to result in stronger urethral closure during urine storage with physical stress that could explain the efficacy of duloxetine in the treatment of women with SUI.

The efficacy of duloxetine 40 mg given twice daily in the treatment of SUI was established in four double-blind, placebo-controlled studies, that randomised 1913 women (22 to 83 years) with SUI; of these, 958 patients were randomised to duloxetine and 955 to placebo. The primary efficacy measures were Incontinence Episode Frequency (IEF) from diaries and an incontinence specific quality of life questionnaire score (I-QOL).

Incontinence Episode Frequency: in all four studies the duloxetine-treated group had a 50% or greater median decrease in IEF compared with 33% in the placebo-treated group. Differences were observed at each visit after 4 weeks (duloxetine 54%, and placebo 22%), 8 weeks (52% and 29%), and 12 weeks (52% and 33%) of medication.

In an additional study limited to patients with severe SUI, all responses with duloxetine were achieved within 2 weeks.

The efficacy of ARICLAIM has not been evaluated for longer than 3 months in placebo-controlled studies. The clinical benefit of ARICLAIM compared with placebo has not been demonstrated in women with mild SUI, defined in randomised trials as those with IEF < 14 per week. In these women, ARICLAIM may provide no benefit beyond that afforded by more conservative behavioural interventions.

Quality of Life: Incontinence Quality of Life (I-QOL) questionnaire scores were significantly improved in the duloxetine-treated patient group compared with the placebo-treated group (9.2 versus 5.9 score improvement, p<.001). Using a global improvement scale (PGI), significantly more women using duloxetine considered their symptoms of stress incontinence to be improved with treatment compared with women using placebo (64.6% versus 50.1%, p<.001).

ARICLAIM and Prior Continence Surgery: there are limited data that suggest that the benefits of ARICLAIM are not diminished in women with stress urinary incontinence who have previously undergone continence surgery.

ARICLAIM and Pelvic Floor Muscle Training (PFMT): during a 12-week blinded, randomised, controlled study, ARICLAIM demonstrated greater reductions in IEF compared with either placebo treatment or with PFMT alone. Combined therapy (duloxetine + PFMT) showed greater improvement in both pad use and condition-specific quality of life measures than ARICLAIM alone or PFMT alone.

5.2 Pharmacokinetic properties

Duloxetine is administered as a single enantiomer. Duloxetine is extensively metabolised by oxidative enzymes (CYP1A2 and the polymorphic CYP2D6), followed by conjugation. The pharmacokinetics of duloxetine demonstrate large intersubject variability (generally 50-60%), partly due to gender, age, smoking status and CYP2D6 metaboliser status.

Duloxetine is well absorbed after oral administration with a C_{max} occurring 6 hours post dose. The absolute oral bioavailability of duloxetine ranged from 32% to 80% (mean of 50%; N=8 subjects). Food delays the time to reach the peak concentration from 6 to 10 hours and it marginally decreases the extent of absorption (approximately 11%).

Duloxetine is approximately 96% bound to human plasma proteins. Duloxetine binds to both albumin and alpha-1 acid glycoprotein. Protein binding is not affected by renal or hepatic impairment.

Duloxetine is extensively metabolised and the metabolites are excreted principally in urine. Both CYP2D6 and CYP1A2 catalyse the formation of the two major metabolites glucuronide conjugate of 4-hydroxy duloxetine and sulphate conjugate of 5-hydroxy,6-methoxy duloxetine. Based upon *in vitro* studies, the circulating metabolites of duloxetine are considered pharmacologically inactive. The pharmacokinetics of duloxetine in patients who are poor metabolisers with respect to CYP2D6 has not been specifically investigated. Limited data suggest that the plasma levels of duloxetine are higher in these patients.

The elimination half-life of duloxetine after an oral dose ranges from 8 to 17 hours (mean of 12 hours). After an intravenous dose the plasma clearance of duloxetine ranges from 22 l/hr to 46 l/hr (mean of 36 l/hr) After an oral dose the apparent plasma clearance of duloxetine ranges from 33 to 261 l/hr (mean 101 l/hr).

Special populations:
Age: pharmacokinetic differences have been identified between younger and elderly females (≥65 years) (AUC increases by about 25% and half-life is about 25% longer in the elderly), although the magnitude of these changes is not sufficient to justify adjustments to the dose.

Renal impairment: end stage renal disease (ESRD) patients receiving dialysis had a 2-fold higher duloxetine C_{max} and AUC values compared to healthy subjects. Pharmacokinetic data on duloxetine is limited in patients with mild or moderate renal impairment.

Hepatic insufficiency: moderate liver disease (Child Pugh Class B) affected the pharmacokinetics of duloxetine. Compared with healthy subjects, the apparent plasma clearance of duloxetine was 79% lower, the apparent terminal half-life was 2.3 times longer, and the AUC was 3.7 times higher in patients with moderate liver disease. The pharmacokinetics of duloxetine and its metabolites have not been studied in patients with mild or severe hepatic insufficiency.

5.3 Preclinical safety data

Duloxetine was not genotoxic in a standard battery of tests and was not carcinogenic in rats. Multinucleated cells were seen in the liver in the absence of other histopathological changes in the rat carcinogenicity study. The underlying mechanism and the clinical relevance are unknown.

Female mice receiving duloxetine for 2 years had an increased incidence of hepatocellular adenomas and carcinomas at the high dose only (144 mg/kg/day), but these were considered to be secondary to hepatic microsomal enzyme induction. The relevance of this mouse data to humans is unknown. Female rats receiving duloxetine before and during mating and early pregnancy had a decrease in maternal food consumption and body weight, oestrous cycle disruption, decreased live birth indices and progeny survival, and progeny growth retardation at systemic exposure levels estimated to be at the most at maximum clinical exposure (AUC). In an embryotoxicity study in the rabbit, a higher incidence of cardiovascular and skeletal malformations was observed at systemic exposure levels below the maximun clinical exposure (AUC). No malformations were observed in another study testing a higher dose of a different salt of duloxetine. In pre/postnatal toxicity study in the rat, duloxetine induced adverse behavioural effects in the offspring at systemic exposures levels below maximum clinical exposure (AUC).

6. PHARMACEUTICAL PARTICULARS

6.1 List of excipients

Capsule content:
Hypromellose.
Hydroxypropyl methylcellulose acetate succinate
Sucrose
Sugar spheres
Talc
Titanium dioxide (E171)
Triethyl citrate.

Capsule Shell:
Gelatin, Sodium Lauryl Sulfate, Titanium Dioxide (E171), Indigo Carmine (E132), Edible Black Ink.

Edible Ink: Black Iron Oxide-Synthetic (E172), Propylene glycol, Shellac.

Capsule Shell Cap colour:
Opaque Blue

Capsule Shell Body colour:
Opaque blue

6.2 Incompatibilities

Not applicable.

6.3 Shelf life

3 years.

6.4 Special precautions for storage

Store in the original package. Do not store above 30°C.

6.5 Nature and contents of container

Polyvinylchloride (PVC), Polyethylene (PE), and Polychlorotrifluoroethylene (PCTFE) blister sealed with an aluminum foil.

Packs of 28 and 56 capsules.

Not all pack sizes may be marketed.

6.6 Instructions for use and handling

No special requirements.

7. MARKETING AUTHORISATION HOLDER

Boehringer Ingelheim International GmbH, Binger Str. 173 D-55216 Ingelheim am Rhein, Germany.

8. MARKETING AUTHORISATION NUMBER(S)

EU/1/04/283/001
EU/1/04/283/007

9. DATE OF FIRST AUTHORISATION/RENEWAL OF THE AUTHORISATION

11 August 2004

10. DATE OF REVISION OF THE TEXT

ANNEX II

A. MANUFACTURING AUTHORISATION HOLDER RESPONSIBLE FOR BATCH RELEASE

B. CONDITIONS OF THE MARKETING AUTHORISATION

A MANUFACTURING AUTHORISATION HOLDER RESPONSIBLE FOR BATCH RELEASE

Name and address of the manufacturer responsible for batch release

Lilly SA
Avenida de la Industria No 30
28108 Alcobendas
Madrid
Spain

B CONDITIONS OF THE MARKETING AUTHORISATION

- **CONDITIONS OR RESTRICTIONS REGARDING SUPPLY AND USE IMPOSED ON THE MARKETING AUTHORISATION HOLDER**

Medicinal product subject to medical prescription.

- **OTHER CONDITIONS**

The holder of this marketing authorisation must inform the European Commission about the marketing plans for the medicinal product authorised by this decision.

ANNEX III

LABELLING AND PACKAGING LEAFLET

A. LABELLING

PARTICULARS TO APPEAR ON THE OUTER PACKAGING OR, WHERE THERE IS NO OUTER PACKAGING, ON THE IMMEDIATE PACKAGING

CARTONS FOR 40 MG HARD GASTRO-RESISTANT CAPSULES

1. NAME OF THE MEDICINAL PRODUCT

ARICLAIM 40 mg, hard gastro-resistant capsules.
Duloxetine

2. STATEMENT OF ACTIVE SUBSTANCE(S)

Each capsule contains 40 mg duloxetine (as hydrochloride).

3. LIST OF EXCIPIENTS

4. PHARMACEUTICAL FORM AND CONTENTS

packs of 28, 56, 98, 140 capsules.

5. METHOD AND ROUTE(S) OF ADMINISTRATION

Oral use.

6. SPECIAL WARNING THAT THE MEDICINAL PRODUCT MUST BE STORED OUT OF THE REACH AND SIGHT OF CHILDREN

Keep out of the reach and sight of children.

7. OTHER SPECIAL WARNING(S), IF NECESSARY

Contains sucrose.
See leaflet for further information.

8. EXPIRY DATE

EXP {MM/YYYY}.

9. SPECIAL STORAGE CONDITIONS

Store in the original package. Do not store above 30 °C.

10. SPECIAL PRECAUTIONS FOR DISPOSAL OF UNUSED MEDICINAL PRODUCTS OR WASTE MATERIALS DERIVED FROM SUCH MEDICINAL PRODUCTS, IF APPROPRIATE

11. NAME AND ADDRESS OF THE MARKETING AUTHORISATION HOLDER

Boehringer Ingelheim International GmbH, Binger Str. 173 D-55216 Ingelheim am Rhein, Germany.

12. MARKETING AUTHORISATION NUMBER(S)

EU/1/04/283/002-005

13. MANUFACTURER'S BATCH NUMBER

Lot.:

14. GENERAL CLASSIFICATION FOR SUPPLY

Medicinal product subject to medical prescription.

15. INSTRUCTIONS ON USE

PARTICULARS TO APPEAR ON THE OUTER PACKAGING OR, WHERE THERE IS NO OUTER PACKAGING, ON THE IMMEDIATE PACKAGING

CARTON FOR 98 CAPSULES (40 MG) AS INTERMEDIATE PACK / COMPONENT OF A MULTIPACK (WITHOUT BLUE BOX)

1. NAME OF THE MEDICINAL PRODUCT

ARICLAIM 40 mg hard gastro-resistant capsules
Duloxetine

2. STATEMENT OF ACTIVE SUBSTANCE(S)

Each capsule contains 40 mg duloxetine (as hydrochloride).

3. LIST OF EXCIPIENTS

4. PHARMACEUTICAL FORM AND CONTENTS

98 capsules
Component of a multipack comprising 2 packs, each containing 98 capsules.

5. METHOD AND ROUTE(S) OF ADMINISTRATION

Oral use.

6. SPECIAL WARNING THAT THE MEDICINAL PRODUCT MUST BE STORED OUT OF THE REACH AND SIGHT OF CHILDREN

Keep out of the reach and sight of children.

7. OTHER SPECIAL WARNING(S), IF NECESSARY

Contains sucrose.
See leaflet for further information.

8. EXPIRY DATE

EXP {MM/YYYY}

9. SPECIAL STORAGE CONDITIONS

Store in the original package. Do not store above 30 °C.

10. SPECIAL PRECAUTIONS FOR DISPOSAL OF UNUSED MEDICINAL PRODUCTS OR WASTE MATERIALS DERIVED FROM SUCH MEDICINAL PRODUCTS, IF APPROPRIATE

11. NAME AND ADDRESS OF THE MARKETING AUTHORISATION HOLDER

Boehringer Ingelheim International GmbH, Binger Str. 173 D-55216 Ingelheim am Rhein, Germany.

12. MARKETING AUTHORISATION NUMBER(S)

EU/1/04/283/006

13. MANUFACTURER'S BATCH NUMBER

Lot:

14. GENERAL CLASSIFICATION FOR SUPPLY

Medicinal product subject to medical prescription.

15. INSTRUCTIONS ON USE

PARTICULARS TO APPEAR ON THE OUTER PACKAGING OR, WHERE THERE IS NO OUTER PACKAGING, ON THE IMMEDIATE PACKAGING
OUTER WRAPPER LABEL ON MULTIPACKS (2X98 CAPSULES, 40 MG) WRAPPED IN FOIL (INCLUDING BLUE BOX)

1. NAME OF THE MEDICINAL PRODUCT

ARICLAIM 40 mg hard gastro-resistant capsules
Duloxetine

2. STATEMENT OF ACTIVE SUBSTANCE(S)

Each capsule contains 40 mg duloxetine (as hydrochloride).

3. LIST OF EXCIPIENTS

4. PHARMACEUTICAL FORM AND CONTENTS

Multipack comprising 2 packs, each containing 98 capsules.

5. METHOD AND ROUTE(S) OF ADMINISTRATION

Oral use.

6. SPECIAL WARNING THAT THE MEDICINAL PRODUCT MUST BE STORED OUT OF THE REACH AND SIGHT OF CHILDREN

Keep out of the reach and sight of children.

7. OTHER SPECIAL WARNING(S), IF NECESSARY

Contains sucrose.
See leaflet for further information.

8. EXPIRY DATE

EXP {MM/YYYY}

9. SPECIAL STORAGE CONDITIONS

Store in the original package. Do not store above 30 °C.

10. SPECIAL PRECAUTIONS FOR DISPOSAL OF UNUSED MEDICINAL PRODUCTS OR WASTE MATERIALS DERIVED FROM SUCH MEDICINAL PRODUCTS, IF APPROPRIATE

11. NAME AND ADDRESS OF THE MARKETING AUTHORISATION HOLDER

Boehringer Ingelheim International GmbH, Binger Str. 173 D-55216 Ingelheim am Rhein, Germany.

12. MARKETING AUTHORISATION NUMBER(S)

EU/1/04/283/006

13. MANUFACTURER'S BATCH NUMBER

Lot:

14. GENERAL CLASSIFICATION FOR SUPPLY

Medicinal product subject to medical prescription.

15. INSTRUCTIONS ON USE

MINIMUM PARTICULARS TO APPEAR ON BLISTERS OR STRIPS (40 mg hard gastro-resistant capsules)

1. NAME OF THE MEDICINAL PRODUCT

ARICLAIM 40 mg hard gastro-resistant capsules
Duloxetine

2. NAME OF THE MARKETING AUTHORISATION HOLDER

Boehringer Ingelheim

3. EXPIRY DATE

<EXP {MM/YYYY}.

4. BATCH NUMBER

Lot.

PARTICULARS TO APPEAR ON THE OUTER PACKAGING OR, WHERE THERE IS NO OUTER PACKAGING, ON THE IMMEDIATE PACKAGING

CARTONS FOR 20 MG HARD GASTRO-RESISTANT CAPSULES

1. NAME OF THE MEDICINAL PRODUCT

ARICLAIM 20 mg, hard gastro-resistant capsules.
Duloxetine

2. STATEMENT OF ACTIVE SUBSTANCE(S)

Each capsule contains 20 mg duloxetine (as hydrochloride).

3. LIST OF EXCIPIENTS

4. PHARMACEUTICAL FORM AND CONTENTS

Packs of 28 capsules.
Packs of 56 capsules.

5. METHOD AND ROUTE(S) OF ADMINISTRATION

Oral use.

6. SPECIAL WARNING THAT THE MEDICINAL PRODUCT MUST BE STORED OUT OF THE REACH AND SIGHT OF CHILDREN

Keep out of the reach and sight of children.

7. OTHER SPECIAL WARNING(S), IF NECESSARY

Contains sucrose.
See leaflet for further information.

8. EXPIRY DATE

EXP {MM/YYYY}.

9. SPECIAL STORAGE CONDITIONS

Store in the original package. Do not store above 30 °C.

10. SPECIAL PRECAUTIONS FOR DISPOSAL OF UNUSED MEDICINAL PRODUCTS OR WASTE MATERIALS DERIVED FROM SUCH MEDICINAL PRODUCTS, IF APPROPRIATE

11. NAME AND ADDRESS OF THE MARKETING AUTHORISATION HOLDER

Boehringer Ingelheim International GmbH, Binger Str. 173 D-55216 Ingelheim am Rhein, Germany.

12. MARKETING AUTHORISATION NUMBER(S)

EU/1/04/283/001
EU/1/04/283/007

13. MANUFACTURER'S BATCH NUMBER

Lot.:

14. GENERAL CLASSIFICATION FOR SUPPLY

Medicinal product subject to medical prescription.

15. INSTRUCTIONS ON USE

MINIMUM PARTICULARS TO APPEAR ON BLISTERS OR STRIPS (20 mg hard gastro-resistant capsules)

1. NAME OF THE MEDICINAL PRODUCT

ARICLAIM 20 mg hard gastro-resistant capsules
Duloxetine

2. NAME OF THE MARKETING AUTHORISATION HOLDER

Boehringer Ingelheim

3. EXPIRY DATE

<EXP {MM/YYYY}.

4. BATCH NUMBER

Lot.

B. PACKAGE LEAFLET

PACKAGE LEAFLET

Read all of this leaflet carefully before you start taking this medicine.
- Keep this leaflet. You may need to read it again.
- If you have further questions, please ask your doctor or your pharmacist.
- This medicine has been prescribed for you personally and you should not pass it on to others. It may harm them, even if their symptoms are the same as yours.

In this leaflet:

ARICLAIM 40 mg hard gastro resistant capsules
ARICLAIM 20 mg hard gastro resistant capsules
Duloxetine (as hydrochloride)

ARICLAIM is available in 2 strengths: 20 and 40 mg. The active substance is duloxetine. Each capsule contains 20 or 40 mg of duloxetine (as duloxetine hydrochloride)

The other ingredients are: gelatin, hypromellose, hydroxypropyl methylcellulose acetate succinate, sodium lauryl sulfate, sucrose, sugar spheres, talc, titanium dioxide (E171), and triethyl citrate, Indigo Carmine, iron oxide red and iron oxide yellow, edible Black Ink.
Edible Ink: Black Iron Oxide-Synthetic (E172), Propylene glycol, Shellac.

Marketing Authorisation Holder: Boehringer Ingelheim International GmbH, Binger Str. 173 D-55216 Ingelheim am Rhein, Germany.
Manufacturer: Lilly S.A., Avda. De la Industria, 30, 28108 Alcobendas, Madrid, Spain.

1. WHAT ARICLAIM IS AND WHAT IT IS USED FOR

ARICLAIM is a hard gastro-resistant capsule.

Each capsule of ARICLAIM contains pellets of the active substance with a covering to protect them from stomach acid.

The 40 mg capsule has an opaque orange body imprinted with ’40 mg’ and an opaque blue cap, imprinted with ‘9545’.

The 20 mg capsule has an opaque blue body imprinted with ’20 mg’ and an opaque blue cap, imprinted with ‘9544’.

ARICLAIM 40 mg is available in blister packs of 28, 56, 98, 140 and 196 (2 x 98) capsules.
ARICLAIM 20 mg is available in blister packs of 28 and 56 capsules.

ARICLAIM is a medicine to be taken by mouth to treat Stress Urinary Incontinence (SUI) in women.

Stress urinary incontinence is a medical condition in which patients have accidental loss or leakage of urine during physical exertion or activities such as laughing, coughing, sneezing, lifting, or exercise.

ARICLAIM is believed to work by increasing the strength of the muscle that holds back urine when you laugh, sneeze, or perform physical activities.

The efficacy of ARICLAIM is reinforced when combined with a training program called Pelvic Floor Muscle Training (PFMT).

2. BEFORE YOU TAKE ARICLAIM

ARICLAIM can only be prescribed by a doctor.

Do not take ARICLAIM:
- If you are allergic (hypersensitive) to duloxetine or any of the inactive ingredients of ARICLAIM.
- If you are taking or have taken within the last 14 days, another medicine known as a monoamine oxidase inhibitor - MAOI (see section below 'Taking other medicines').
- If you have liver disease.
- If you are pregnant or breast-feeding.
- If you are taking a potent inhibitor of a liver enzyme called CYP1A2, like fluvoxamine, ciprofloxacin or enoxacine.

Take special care with ARICLAIM:
The following are reasons why ARICLAIM may not be suitable for you. If any of them apply to you, talk to your doctor before you take the medicine:

- If you are taking medicines to treat depression.
- You have kidney disease.
- You have a history of seizures (fits).
- You have a history of mania or bipolar disorder.
- You have eye problems such as certain kinds of glaucoma (increased pressure in the eye).
- You have a history of bleeding disorders (tendency to develop bruises).
- If you are younger than 18 years.

Although ARICLAIM is not indicated for the treatment of depression, its active ingredient (duloxetine) also exists as an antidepressant medication. As with other drugs with similar pharmacological action (antidepressants), isolated cases of suicidal thoughts and behaviours have been reported during duloxetine therapy or early after treatment discontinuation. Tell your doctor immediately if you have any distressing thoughts or feelings at any time.

Use in children and adolescents under 18 years of age
ARICLAIM should not be used for children and adolescents under the age of 18 years. Also, you should know that patients under 18 have an increased risk of side-effects such as suicide attempt, suicidal thoughts and hostility (predominantly aggression, oppositional behaviour and anger) when they take this class of medicines. Also, the long-term safety effects concerning growth, maturation, and cognitive and behavioural development of ARICLAIM in this age group have not yet been demonstrated.

Taking ARICLAIM with food and drink:
ARICLAIM may be taken with or without food. ARICLAIM has not been shown to increase the effects of alcohol. Even so, you should take extra care if you drink alcohol while taking ARICLAIM.

Pregnancy and breast-feeding:
ARICLAIM should not be used during pregnancy and if you are breast feeding. Tell your doctor if you become pregnant, or you are trying to become pregnant, while you are taking ARICLAIM.

Ask your doctor or pharmacist for advice before taking any medicine.

Driving and using machines:
Do not drive or operate any tools or machines until you know how ARICLAIM affects you.

Important information about some of the ingredients of ARICLAIM:
ARICLAIM contains sucrose. If you have been told by your doctor that you have an intolerance to some sugars, contact your doctor before taking this medicinal product.

Taking other medicines:
Please inform your doctor or pharmacist if you are taking or have recently taken any other medicines, even those not prescribed. The main ingredient of ARICLAIM, duloxetine, is used in other medicines for other conditions (diabetic neuropathic pain, depression and urinary incontinence). Using more than one of these medicines at the same time should be avoided. Check with your doctor if you are already taking other medicines containing duloxetine.

Your doctor should decide whether you can take ARICLAIM with other medicines. Do not start or stop taking any medicines, including those bought without a prescription and herbal remedies, before checking with your doctor.

Monoamine Oxidase Inhibitors (MAOI): you should not take ARICLAIM with an MAOI or within 14 days of stopping an MAOI. Taking an MAOI together with many prescription medicines, including ARICLAIM, can cause serious or even life-threatening side effects. You must wait at least 14 days after you have stopped taking an MAOI before you can take ARICLAIM. Also, you need to wait at least 5 days after you stop taking ARICLAIM before you take an MAOI.

CNS drugs: caution is advised when ARICLAIM is taken in combination with other centrally acting drugs or substances, including alcohol and sedative drugs (benzodiazepines, morphinomimetics, antipsychotics, phenobarbital, sedative antihistamines).
Inform your doctor if you are taking any of these drugs.

Serotonin syndrome: you should tell your doctor if you are taking any of the medicines that act in a similar way to duloxetine. Examples of these medicines include: triptans, tramadol, tryptophan, certain antidepressants: SSRIs (such as paroxetine and fluoxetine), tricyclics (such as clomipramine, amitriptyline) and venlafaxine. These medicines increase the risk of side effects; if you get any unusual symptom taking any of these medicines together with ARICLAIM, you should see your doctor.

3. HOW TO TAKE ARICLAIM

Always take ARICLAIM exactly as your doctor tells you. You should check with your doctor or pharmacist if you are unsure.

The recommended dose of ARICLAIM is one capsule of 40 mg twice a day (in the morning and late afternoon/evening). Your doctor may decide to start your treatment with one capsule of 20 mg twice a day for two weeks before increasing the dose to 40 mg twice a day. If you think that the effect of ARICLAIM is too strong or too weak, talk to your doctor.

ARICLAIM is for oral use. You should swallow your capsule whole with a drink of water.

To help you remember to take ARICLAIM, you may find it easier to take it at the same times every day.

Do not stop taking ARICLAIM without talking to your doctor.

If you take more ARICLAIM than you should:
Call your doctor or pharmacist immediately if you take more than the amount of ARICLAIM prescribed by your doctor.

If you forget to take ARICLAIM:
Do not take a double dose to make up for forgotten doses.

If you miss a dose, take it as soon as you remember. However, if it is time for your next dose, skip the missed dose and take only a single dose as usual. Do not take more than the daily amount of ARICLAIM that has been prescribed for you in one day.

Effect when treatment with ARICLAIM is stopped:
Do not stop taking your capsules without the advice of your doctor even if you feel better. If your doctor thinks that you no longer need ARICLAIM he will ask you to reduce your dose over 2 weeks. Some patients, who suddenly stop taking ARICLAIM after more than 1 week of therapy, have felt dizzy, sick (nausea) or had a headache. These symptoms are usually not serious and disappear within a few days, but if you have symptoms that are troublesome you should ask your doctor for advice.

4. POSSIBLE SIDE EFFECTS

Like all medicines, ARICLAIM can have side effects. These effects are normally mild to moderate and often disappear after a short time.

Very common (≥10%) side effects with ARICLAIM may include: not being able to sleep, feeling sick (nausea), dry mouth, constipation and tiredness.

Common (≥1% and <10%) side effects may include: lack or decrease of appetite, thirst, problems sleeping, anxiety, less sex drive, not being able to have an orgasm, headache, dizziness, feeling sleepy, tremor, blurred vision, nervousness, diarrhoea, being sick (vomiting), heartburn, increased sweating, lethargy, pruritus and weakness

Uncommon (≥0.1% and <1%) side effects include: loss of sex drive.

Small and short lived increases in the amounts of liver enzymes in the blood have been reported in patients taking ARICLAIM.

If you notice any side effects not mentioned in this leaflet, please tell your doctor or pharmacist.

5. STORING ARICLAIM

Keep out of the reach and sight of children

Store in the original pack. Do not store above 30 °C.

The expiry date of this medicine is printed on the carton. Do not use it after this date.

6. FURTHER INFORMATION

For any information about this medicinal product, please contact the local representative of the Marketing Authorisation Holder.

België/Belgique/Belgien
n.v. Boehringer Ingelheim s.a.
Tél/Tel: +32 27 73 33 11

Česká republika
Boehringer Ingelheim spol. s r.o.
Tel.: + 42 02 34 65 51 11

Danmark
Boehringer Ingelheim Danmark A/S
Tlf: +45 39 15 88 49

Deutschland
Boehringer Ingelheim Pharma GmbH & Co. KG
Tel: +49 (0) 69 50 50 83 09

Eesti
Boehringer Ingelheim Pharma GmbH
Tel: + 37 2 60 80 940

Ελλάδα
Boehringer Ingelheim Ellas A.E.
Τηλ: +30 2 10 89 06 300

España
Boehringer Ingelheim España S.A.
Tel: +34 93 404 58 00

France
Boehringer Ingelheim France S.A.S.
Tél: +33 3 26 50 45 33

Ireland
Boehringer Ingelheim Ireland Ltd.
Tel: +353 1 295 9620

Ísland
PharmaNor hf.
Tel: +354 535 7000

Italia
Boehringer Ingelheim Italia S.p.A.
Tel: +39 02 535 51

Κύπρος
Boehringer Ingelheim Ellas A.E.
Τηλ: +30 2 10 89 06 300

Latvija
Boehringer Ingelheim Pharma GmbH
Tel: +37 17 24 00 68

Luxembourg/Luxemburg
n.v. Boehringer Ingelheim s.a.
Tél/Tel: +32 2 773 33 11

Magyarország
Boehringer Ingelheim Pharma
Tel.: +36 1 224 7120

Malta
Boehringer Ingelheim Ltd.
Tel: +44 1344 424 600

Nederland
Boehringer Ingelheim b.v.
Tel: +31 30 6 02 59 14

Norge
Boehringer Ingelheim Norway KS
Tlf: +47 66 76 13 00

Österreich
Boehringer Ingelheim Austria GmbH
Tel: +43 1 80 105 0

Polska
Boehringer Ingelheim Sp.z o.o.
Tel.: +48 22 699 0 699

Portugal
Boehringer Ingelheim, Lda
Tel: +351 21 313 53 00

Slovenija
Boehringer Ingelheim Pharma
Tel.: +386 1 586 40 00

Slovenská republika
Boehringer Ingelheim Pharma
Tel.: +421 2 5341 8445

Suomi/Finland
Boehringer Ingelheim Finland Ky
Puh/Tel: +358 10 310 2800

Sverige
Boehringer Ingelheim AB
Tel: +46 8 721 21 00

United Kingdom
Boehringer Ingelheim Ltd.
Tel: +44 (0) 1256 315999

Lietuva
Boehringer Ingelheim Pharma Ges mbH
Tel.: +370 37 47 39 22

This leaflet was last approved on